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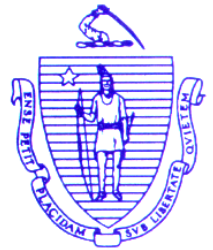
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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

### **Declaration to Fish Area 1A for Trimester 2**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Section has approved Addendum I to Amendment 3 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring. The Addendum includes the requirement of harvesters to declare their intent to fish in Management Area 1A during Trimester 2.

To opt-in, you must submit the [linked form](#) and return it to the Division of Marine Fisheries. The completed form must be returned via e-mail (catherine.o'keefe@state.ma.us), fax (617-626-1509) or by post to the attention of Cate O'Keefe, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

For "Category A" federal permit holders, your declaration form must be received by DMF by no later than noon Monday, May 22, 2017. For those small mesh bottom trawl vessels with a "Category C" or "Category D" federal permit, your declaration form must be received by DMF by no later than May 31, 2017.

An ASMFC Days-Out Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 to consider potential closed fishing and landing days and weekly catch limits. The meeting will begin at 10:30am and will be held at the NH Fish and Game Department Headquarters, 225 Main St., Durham, NH 03824. Parking spaces for meeting participants will be marked with orange cones.

For more information, please contact Cate O'Keefe by phone (617-626-1512) or by e-mail (catherine.o'keefe@state.ma.us). Additional information about the new requirements for participating in the Trimester 2 Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A may also be found on the ASMFC's [website](#).

